



# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 13, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Cotton squaring was at 100 percent complete, setting bolls was at 89 percent complete and bolls opening was 28 percent complete, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cotton conditions and alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week, with harvesting taking place on three quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Last week, Arizona growers shipped potatoes. The whole Northwestern part of the State has received beneficial rain resulting in new forage production. Heavy rain and scattered thunderstorms affected the Southeastern part of the State. Growth of forage plants has done well and grasses were beginning to go to seed in this area. In Pinal County there has been some stress related boll shed from increased heat and humidity, but symptoms are localized and minimal. Bug populations still seem to be low and overall cotton fields look to be progressing favorably. In Arizona, pasture conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Twenty-six of the 51 weather stations reported above normal temperatures last week, ranging from 5 degrees below normal to 5 degrees above normal across the entire State. Temperatures ranged from a low of 40 degrees at Springerville to a high of 114 degrees at Bullhead City. All but 5 of the 51 weather stations received some precipitation. The least amount of precipitation was reported at Yuma Valley at 0.01 inches, and the most precipitation was reported at Paloma at 2.07 inches. Teec Nos Pos year to date precipitation was the highest percent of normal in the State, while Ajo was the driest.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Setting Bolls.....	89	85	91	93
Bolls Opening.....	28	23	32	31

NA – not available

(--) – zero

### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	7.0	6.8	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	--	--	2	NA
Short .....	3	7	28	NA
Adequate .....	96	90	66	NA
Surplus .....	1	3	4	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	--	--	15	NA
Short .....	3	7	12	NA
Adequate .....	97	93	71	NA
Surplus .....	--	--	2	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

# CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	5	5	4	3
Poor .....	11	10	2	3
Fair .....	26	27	12	18
Good .....	30	33	51	45
Excellent.....	28	25	31	31
Cotton				
Very poor.....	2	2	4	2
Poor .....	3	6	--	1
Fair .....	14	14	5	12
Good .....	58	57	51	48
Excellent.....	23	21	40	37
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	8	17	14	26
Poor .....	21	12	16	16
Fair .....	22	26	37	30
Good .....	31	36	28	24
Excellent.....	18	9	5	4

NA – not available

(--) – zero

Arizona's weather data can be accessed at the following:

[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/2017/AZ\\_Weather\\_08132017.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/AZ_Weather_08132017.pdf)